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1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PROPOSED TEXT IN REFTEL AND HAS MADE A FEW REVISIONS. THE FULL TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. Q. IS THE RENEWAL OF THE BRAZIL/US COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF SOME AMENDMENT? AND IF SO, WHICH?

A. BRAZIL AND THE USG SIGNED A NEW AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY ON JULY 17, 1972, OF THE SO-CALLED "RESEARCH AND NUCLEAR POWER" TYPE.

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THE AGREEMENT SUPERSEDED ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE

TWO COUNTRIES ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND HAS A LIFETIME OF 30 YEARS. ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL FOR ANGRA I IS BEING SUPPLIED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL HAS REQUESTED THAT THE US AMEND THIS AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL ENRICHED URANIUM FROM THE US FOR THE ANGRA II AND III POWER PLANTS. THE US HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT SUPPLY OF THIS ADDITIONAL FUEL.

Q. HOW ARE CONVERSATIONS PROGRESSING FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF THE ANGRA II AND ANGRA III PROJECTS WITH AMERICAN COOPERATION?

A. BRAZIL HAS NOT REQUESTED ANY COOPERATION FROM THE USG, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANGRA II AND III, OTHER THAN THE REQUEST FOR FUEL. US FIRMS, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN A CONTINUING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND PREPARED PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO ANGRA II AND III AND VARIOUS NUCLEAR ENGINEERING FACILITIES. ON THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SIDE, THERE IS, OF COURSE, ON-GOING COOPERATION. MOST RECENTLY, THIS COOPERATION HAS BEEN DIRECTED PRINCIPALLY TOWARD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS. THE AGENCIES INVOLVED ARE THE US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEN).

Q. HAS THE RECENT BRAZIL/GERMANY NUCLEAR ACCORD ALTERED US POLICY FOR COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL IN SECTOR?

A. THE US GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES, UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS BRAZIL'S DESIRE TO MAKE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AS A MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSIDERS AN EXTENSION OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL DESIRABLE AND FEASIBLE; IN AREAS WHICH BRAZIL ITSELF CONSIDERS USEFUL AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EVOLVING US NUCLEAR POLICY, INCLUDING ITS NON-PROLIFERATION ASPECTS. FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT DECISION CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION IN THE US OF A NEW URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO SERVE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CUSTOMERS -- WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF FOREIGN FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE ONE VEHICLE FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION. THERE IS OUTSTANDING AN INVITATION, WHICH WAS EXTENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN EARLY MARCH, TO MINISTER UEKI AND NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT MOGUEIRA BATISTA TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS FUTURE AREAS OF COOPERATION AND TO EXAMINE, AT A HIGH LEVEL, ALL THE ASPECTS OF US NUCLEAR POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE EXPANDING BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM AND ITS REQUIREMENTS. KISSINGER

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